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## WORKS THE OTHER WAY.

Up to yesterday, the Frisco had hauled 102 car loads of Dunklin county watermelons out. The principal part of the shipment have been from Malden, McGuire and Clarkton. Prices have been high, ranging from \$110 to \$160. Good melons are easily bringing \$140 on the track. The shipments go to Chicago, Indiana and even further east, principally. There are a number of buyers up the road, and they had not formed their usual combine, up to yesterday.—Dunklin Democrat.

No; and I reckon they haven't "combined" up to today! It so happens that, in Scott county at least, the other fellows have caught on to this combining business and headed the buyers off by forming a little combine of their own. This combine is called the farmers' union, and melon prices are "up."

Over at Morley, when a few hundred baskets of cantaloupes had been marketed at a fair price the buyers began to talk about a "glut" and decided to pay only 20 cents per basket. The union met that night and agreed not to sell unless paid 30 cents. They got the 30 cents.

Then came the watermelons. A buyer stepped up to a farmer saying: "What do you want for that car of melons?"

"You will have to see Mr. Hedger," replied the farmer. Mr. Hedger is president of the Morley union.

"What the h—l has Hedger got to do with it?" retorted the buyer. "You'll think he has a great deal to do with it if you get any of these melons."

The buyer sought Mr. Hedger and asked the price of the car. "\$140," said Mr. Hedger, courteously.

The buyer almost collapsed and wanted to know of Hedger if he was crazy.

"That's all right, sir; you do not have to buy these melons. They belong to us and have not cost you a cent."

A little later the buyer was seen writing out a check for \$140. The territory is full of buyers and the prices have ranged from \$100 to \$170 per car on the track. This is double the price of previous years.

The melon belt is small and the farmers are able to control it. And as soon as they get the wheat, corn and other grain belts thoroughly organized they can say to the grain buyers who kick on the price: "This is our grain it never cost you a cent."

**THAT \$29,240,000 JUDGMENT.** New York, Aug. 14.—From inside sources it is learned that the trust magnates mean it when they say they are not worried over Judge Landis' fine. They declare it will be impossible for the government to collect because the Standard Oil corporation of Indiana is only worth \$10,000,000 altogether. They declare that the latter is distinct from the general organization, and that the Standard Oil of New Jersey is not liable for a subsidiary's obligations.

The Kicker knew that there was a way for the "best people" to evade liability. Here is a judgment of \$29,250,000 against the Indiana branch of Standard Oil with assets—water and all—amounting to only one-third the amount. Even if an honest effort should be made to collect the fine the men in control of the corporation will manage to get away with that one-third in the latest approved style.

Will the people never tire of these horse-plays? Standard Oil has been fined \$200 million dollars on various occasions and has been declared an outlaw in practically every state. And yet Standard Oil has never paid a cent and continues to do business at the same old stand—26, Broadway, New York.

The whole circus is for effect. If the authorities were really in earnest the criminals would go to jail. When Rockefeller was across the ocean the big papers howled about how the officers were going to arrest and jail him when he got back. After he landed the officers couldn't find him. When the play began to get stale an attorney of Standard Oil went into court and fixed up a little bond—and that settled it.

Reports from Kansas City say that the action of Gov. Folk in cleaning out a rotten police force there is being condemned by "pulpit and press." The Kicker is not surprised at the corporation owned press, but is slow to believe that the pulpits are very active. However, while Harry Orchard was spinning out his string of lies in the Haywood case an "opulent divine" had to break into print and say, "If ever a man had the grace of God, Harry Orchard has it."

## PUT OUT THE LIGHTS.

It happened week before last and I should have told you of it last week, but space in the paper was limited and I knew that it would keep. From the very nature of the news I knew that the capitalist newspapers would not head me off.

Having disgusted not only the people of Colorado, but the people of the nation as well, with their lawlessness, the mine owners of the west put up a preacher named Buchtel as their candidate for governor of Colorado last fall. Buchtel was president of a Denver university. Peabody, as governor, had been the limit, so a "good man" had to be brought out to restore confidence in "the party."

The people knew nothing of Buchtel except that he was a minister and a teacher. Naturally such a man would be regarded as clean. But mine owners, like saloonkeepers, never make a mistake in the man they support for office. Of course Buchtel was a "friend of labor" and was elected.

Buchtel was such a pious man that he refused to be inaugurated in the state house as other governors, but insisted that he must be inaugurated in a church built through his efforts. And he was inaugurated governor of Colorado amid prayers and hallelujahs.

When Wm. D. Haywood returned to his Denver home after his acquittal at Boise, he was met at the station by 100 representatives of the various labor unions. Two women carried a banner—one on one side was the inscription, "Fellow Worker, Welcome Home." On the other side was Haywood's picture. Haywood stepped from his train with his invalid wife in his arms.

Now let us examine the size of our "best people." At the union station was a brilliantly lighted arch with the blazing word "Welcome" displayed to all travelers. On the night of Haywood's arrival Parson Buchtel was in the east telling the people that the mine owners didn't have anything to do with trying to hang Haywood. Mind you, the greater portion of the mine owners live in the east—New York and Boston.

On the occasion of Haywood's arrival Parson Buchtel telegraphed Mayor Speer, of Denver, to have the lights on the "Welcome" arch turned out. And while the mayor was not compelled to do so, yet he did.

Suppose it had been their co-conspirator, Harry Orchard, entering Denver, do you believe Parson Buchtel would have ordered the lights out?

## COMING TO THE SURFACE.

The contempt in which federal courts are being held by the people is beginning to show. Wherever the people have elected officials who try to enforce the law there is trouble between the state and federal authorities. So far as I know, North Carolina is the only state where the state "stood pat" and defied the federal court injunction. The governor said he would enforce the law of his state and the decree of the state courts if it required the state troops to do it. With the result that the railroads agreed to obey the law.

In Alabama, Missouri and Arkansas there is also trouble. In Arkansas the people are so tired of federal courts that a law was passed last winter forfeiting the charter of any corporation which should transfer a suit with a citizen to a federal court. This proves the distrust that people have for federal courts.

Recently a citizen of Arkansas brought suit against the Rock Island railroad in the state court, and the railroad had it removed to the federal court. The secretary of state began proceedings to forfeit the road's charter when in steps a federal judge with the usual injunction. Now there's trouble in Arkansas.

W. C. Brown, a lawyer and former citizen of Benton—who built the house now occupied by Judge Kingsbury—had his office blown up with dynamite at Cotter, Ark. a few days ago. Brown was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney and was making it warm for the boot-leggers, blind tigers and others who "didn't want the town to go to the dogs." Brown was absent from town when his office was blown up and says he will keep right on until he cleans out the kitchen of the fellows who want "license for revenue to build up the town." I am often amused at a fellow who hasn't the energy to build a chicken coop talking about building up a town.

## TELEGRAPHERS ON STRIKE.

The greatest strike in the nation's history is now on. All over the country the commercial telegraphers are going out. There is a difference between commercial and railway telegraphers. The commercial operators in the cities and handle only commercial business.

A few months ago the telegraphers demanded a slight increase in pay to compensate for the increased cost of living. As usual the company stood pat and a strike was ordered. But Roosevelt headed it off for a time by sending over his labor commissioner to confer with the leaders to try to get them to arbitrate.

Telegraph operators are pretty intelligent fellows and did not bite at Roosevelt's shell game. In the mean time the company raised its rates out of sight.

Last week I was at Oran and went to the telegraph office to send a 9-word message to St. Louis. The former price for this message was 25 cents. When the operator told me the price had raised to 40 cents I went and wrote a letter. An increase of more than 50% was more than I cared to stand.

However, the operators were fed on promises and did not strike until they discovered that the company was trying to undermine them by filling the offices with apprentices and non-union men—or "scabs" as they are called. Then the fun began, and a lively time is expected.

The railway telegraphers are expected to follow in sympathy. This will be followed by the electricians. The four great railway organizations—engineers, firemen, trainmen, and switchmen—have signified their intention to support the strike, and the long distance telephone operators say they will handle no Western Union or Postal Telegraph business.

If these forces stand together they are sure to win over the hand-full of dividend-mongers of New York. Even the cut-and-dried court injunction and the troops will not help. And the daily newspapers are so well understood that it hardly pays them to lie.

## ANOTHER INCIDENT CLOSED.

Judging from the capitalist press, one would suppose that the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone incident was closed. Immediately after the decision all shut up like clams and began to dish up murder, divorce and suicide for their readers. Not a word have they said about the great labor demonstrations that followed all over the nation.

Perhaps the greatest demonstration took place at Chicago last Sunday with Haywood present. It was a tremendous gathering of workers who took especial pride in wearing badges inscribed, "We are undesirable citizen." That fellow Roosevelt must feel about the size of a penny with a hole in it. Perhaps you remember what a noise the trust papers made during the campaign about his being a "friend of labor" and an "honorary member of the Railway Firemen's Union."

The most important event of the past week was the agreement of the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers to "get together."

This agreement unites the two great industrial organizations and when trouble is in progress they will stand together for their mutual interests. It is considered the forerunner of the new type of unionism which will wipe out trade laws and unite wage earners as one body, one for all and all for one.

Now United Mine Workers can go into the field of the federation and find a welcome, while the federation will find a welcome in U. M. W. localities. Each will remain in his own organization, but so far as practical results go the two mighty organizations, representing about 400,000 militant diggers, will act as one.

Pick up an honest Republican paper and you will find it upholding Gov. Folk. Pick up an honest Democratic paper and you will find it upholding Attorney-General Hadley. Both are good men and neither can be run by the party—although one was elected as a Democrat and the other as a Republican.

Book Market for Arrowroot. Renewed efforts are being made to secure a footing in the English market for Queensland "arrowroot," which is secured from the fresh portions of the Canas edulis.

Seals at Hibernating Time. Many bears that hibernate die into a hiberna to find a nest, but for a mild winter they are likely to roll up in some shallow excavation or a hollow tree.

## SAME OLD SYSTEM.

A Chicago street railway company official was caught red-handed in trying to bribe a labor leader to betray the men on strike. The company and the men had agreed to arbitration—the company to pick a man, labor to pick a man, and they to pick a third.

It seemed impossible for them to agree on the third man, hence a representative of the company gave C. O. Pratt, leader of the men, \$5,000 for the privilege of naming the third man. Of the affair Mr. Pratt says:

"I was first approached last Tuesday. I put off the man and at once consulted with our counsel, Attorney LeBoskey. Then I made an appointment with the briber at the Briggs house, taking care to have witnesses hidden near at hand. I asked the man what he was willing to do."

"He said, 'I'll give you \$5,000 in cold cash, without incriminating conditions and no receipt, if you will appoint our man as third arbitrator.'"

"With my money and the briber named Mathias Wenger. The company had tried to trap the union, but had fallen into a snare itself. Now if you want more conclusive evidence, I have looked in a safety vault in Chicago forty-four \$100 bills, four \$50 bills and twenty \$20 bills. Let's see if the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Electric Railway company will claim its own."

Such are the methods of all public service corporations. But I am wondering how they will get their \$5,000 back? But they'll manage. We saw them get \$130,000 out of a St. Louis safety deposit vault by order of court and the men who put it there were never punished while the men who agreed to accept it went to the pen.

The exposure of the attempted bribe at Chicago resulted in a victory for the strikers in order to hush the matter up.

## BEGINNING TO SEE THINGS.

The Jackson Herald is about to discover that there is a type, trust. It says the prices and discounts of all type houses are the same. The Herald has been so busy working for "the party" and court house printing that it failed to discover the noose being tied about its own neck.

If the Herald will look again it might discover a metropolitan newspaper trust. And while they appear to be fighting each other politically, all are pounding for exactly the same interests. And a newspaper not in the trust is viciously boycotted. The associated press reports are denied; the newsboys and news stands are closed to it, and the use of matrices from which advertisements are stereotyped is denied.

You often see a page advertisement in all the trust papers, all exactly alike. One paper makes the matrix for all. A paper not in the trust cannot get this service and must work independently. Hence it costs the independent paper as much to prepare the advertisement as it costs all the trust papers combined. In other words, the trust papers co-operate. They are socialists—in a limited way.

And in a daily newspaper we have the ridiculous spectacle of a trust denouncing trusts.

Rev. J. R. Tunstall, a colored minister, is urging his race to work more. Of course many white preachers endorse him and the newspapers print what he says. Among other things he says: "No man can be either a true man, a true citizen or a true servant of God who will not work." Wonder what sort of a hand-spoke the Rev. J. R. Tunstall uses to start the grease to running.

The new law providing for the removal of derelict officials is now in effect. This law relates chiefly to prosecuting attorneys and sheriffs who can't get any "official knowledge."

## PUBLIC SALE.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1907

At my place, 1½ miles east of Kelso, on the Commerce and Illinois road, I will sell two work mules, a good all-around horse, Jersey cow, Jersey heifer, binder, mower, hay rake, wheat drill, corn sheller, some harrow, section harrow, 3-horse plow, 2-horse plow, corn plow, cultivator, shovel and other plows, snow sled, farm wagon, top buggy, a lot of clover hay, 16 acres growing corn, 5 acres growing peas, household and kitchen furniture and many other articles.

TERMS: \$5.00 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 5 months will be given, purchaser giving 8% note with approved security. If promptly paid at maturity no interest will be charged. \$5 off for cash on all sums over \$5.

CLEMENS WESTRICH.

## A WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Since April I have sent out no notices notifying subscribers of their expirations. I knew that money was scarce in the county and decided to carry you until after harvest.

The result of this is that some two hundred subscriptions have expired that have not been renewed. The wheat and melon crops have made money more plentiful and I trust that you, whose subscriptions have expired, will respond promptly. Next week I will begin the erection of a second story to the Kicker building. This will take money, and I can expect it only from friends of the paper. Every dollar counts, and I hope you will respond promptly. A paper dollar can be sent by mail at my risk.

Let's see how many will respond quickly with the cash to buy 100 bricks to be used in enlarging the Kicker building. If your neighbor is not a subscriber, talk to him and show him why he should be. The Kicker works for you. Why should you not work for the Kicker?

## NOT A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The west toll gate near Jackson was again torn down Monday. We think this is wrong. The people should pay the toll charged till the courts make a final decision. They have the privilege of getting attorneys to hurry up matters for them but to continually destroy property is not setting a good example of loyal citizenship.—Jackson Herald.

No, it is not setting a good example to destroy property. Neither is it a good example to hold a man up on a public highway and demand his money after the courts have twice said that he has a right to travel that road free.

For two or three years the people have stood the "hold-up" and sometimes people get tired. The people have won twice in the courts and they are certainly entitled to possession of the road until the hold-up men can show some authority for taking their money.

It is the hold-up men, and not the people, who are the outlaws.

## THE KICKER FEASTING.

Thursday of last week Rural Carrier Wilson brought to this office the largest melon that has arrived. It was from Andrew Wilhelm, of Sandywoods, was of the Triumph variety and weighed 55 pounds.

Friday he brought in a Kolb Gem sent in by Geo. A. Vinyard, secretary of the county union, and it weighed 47½ pounds. Both melons were of excellent flavor.

At the time Mr. Wilhelm reported that he had sold five car-loads for \$718. No telling how much booty he has by now. In fact, reports indicate that all melon growers are threatened with boycotts.

In St. Francois county the prosecuting attorney has filed charges against the Iron Mountain railroad for working its telegraph operators more than eight hours—in violation of a state law. The Farmington Times says: "It is understood that the railroad authorities will contest this case in the most vigorous and strenuous way possible, holding as they do that the law is unconstitutional, and it is even hinted that the most recent 'Rooseveltian' federal injunction method may be employed." At Poplar Bluff the prosecuting attorney has also took action.

Missouri Sharpshooter.—Haywood, the prominent socialist and labor leader who has just been let out of prison a free man, is being talked of as a presidential candidate on the Socialist ticket. He received 16,000 votes for governor of Colorado while in prison. The Socialist party is growing more rapidly than any new party has ever grown before. It is a young giant that must be reckoned with in the coming elections.

**PUBLIC SALE.** On the James Morrow place, 4 miles north of Blodgett, on the Charleston road, I will sell three good work mules, a good farm horse, a good binder, mower, two farm wagons, a binder, mower, two cultivators, three 2-horse plows, double shovels, 1-horse plow, about 65 acres growing corn, household and kitchen furniture and many other articles.

TERMS: \$5.00 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 6 months will be given, purchaser giving 8% note with approved security. If promptly paid at maturity no interest will be charged.

## R. H. McCOMBICK.

Desert Camp.

The fishhookactus is literally a compass in the desert. No matter how glaring the rays may be that are reflected from the soil in which it grows, it always tilts its head to the southward.

## THE SOUTHEAST.

Charleston Republican.—There was a meeting of the different Framers' Unions at Lower Dogwood, with union No. 244, Friday night and Saturday last. County President John A. Miller was present and addressed the meeting, as did also State Organizer W. W. Fisher, County Organizer W. D. Cain, N. R. Breeding, John Fugate and others. Great interest was manifested and questions of import to the farming classes were discussed. A splendid delegation from New Madrid county was present, participated in the proceedings and they requested our County Union to send representatives to their county meeting, which will be held soon.

Marble Hill Press.—The Farmers' Union over in Cape county has bought a grain warehouse at Gordonsville and has determined to build one at Jackson. The farmers over there have threatened a move of this kind a number of years and have complained bitterly of the fact that they have had to sell their wheat in a market where there has been practically no competition. No doubt their efforts would have brought results long ago had they been better organized. They are entitled to the fruits of their labor, and any move that will bring about this result and better their condition should be encouraged and commended.

Well, by gum! They are even beginning to interfere with "personal liberty" in Uncle Eli Ake's town. The drams-shop petition of one of the oldest keepers in Ironton last week was contested and defeated on the count. Ironton now has but one saloon. Graniteville and Middlebrook, in Iron county, also failed to get license. Surely this is tough on "the party." And it is only the beginning. A banker-lawyer-politician pleaded for the saloons.

Morehouse had a "free supper" given by the Holiness Band last week. The object seems to have been for the purpose of raising funds for charitable purposes. Contributions amounted to 85 cents. This charity business is getting to be very much of a farce. What the poor want is justice—not charity. Quit robbing them of what they produce and the charity problem is solved. For many years Morehouse contributed probably \$20,000 per year to saloons. To what is considered a "worthy cause" it contributed 85 cents.

The farmers' union of Wayne county had a picnic last week and a good time was reported. Go it, farmers. You have as much right to have a picnic as the fellows who live from your labor have to have a banquet. At the banquet, however, the cost is from ten to fifty dollars a plate, while you must jog along with a two-bit dinner. But you may be able to change this.

A law passed by the recent legislature gives municipalities the right to fix the rates of public services corporations. At any rate, that is what the legislature intended, and that is what the people now think the law means. Poplar Bluff is inviting government by injunction by threatening to regulate light and phone rates.

Since the miners of the Lead Belt in St. Francois county have been organized into the Western Federation of Miners a company of militia has also been organized close by. It sometimes takes soldiers to make the wage-slaves know their places.

Miss Carrie McClure, while picking berries near Campbell was bitten by a copper head snake and died.

The most prosperous section of Southeast Missouri just at present is Scott county. A carload of fine melons brought \$170 at Morley on Tuesday, and \$140 to \$150 is the ruling quotation for good fruit.

## 20 Tuesday, August 20

### The Annual Festival and PICNIC

By the Catholic Congregation at NEW HAMBURG

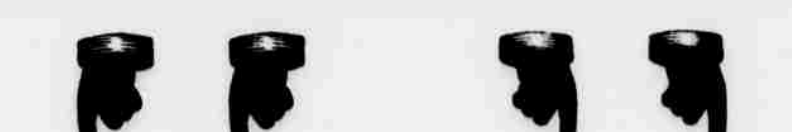
### A FINE DINNER!

### Brass and string Music!

AMUSEMENTS AND REFRESHMENTS

### All Under Roof!

### 20 Tuesday, August 20



## FARMERS!

### Stick to the Newspaper That Sticks to YOU!



## The Kicker

### Stand For Equal Rights to All,

### Special Privileges to

## NONE!